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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

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25X1 DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED PREPARED 29 April 1954

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield between 14 March and 3 April 1954:
 - 14 March. Between 1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., four MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s took off from the field but their landings were not observed.
 - 18 March. Two alert MiG-15s were parked next to the flight control station. During the afternoon, no air activity was observed. There were no clouds. Shortly before 5 p.m., the noise of jet aircraft was heard.
 - 21 March. There was no air activity.
 - 23 March. At 10:10 a.m., a swept-back jet aircraft took off.
 - 24 to 29 March. No air activity was observed at the field. The possibilities of observation were limited.
 - 30 March. Between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., there was intensive air activity involving swept-back jet aircraft and single-engine aircraft.
 - 31 March. Two MiG-15s were observed aloft. There was a 3/10 overcast.
 - 1 April. Between 8:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m., flights were made by several single-engine aircraft.
 - 2 April. Between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., flying was practiced by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s and single-engine aircraft. The sky was 7/10 overcast.
 - 3 April. No air activity was observed at the field. There was a closed ceiling and hazy weather.

During the period of observation, there was never more than 2 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s parked near the flight control station. Single-engine aircraft were also stationed at the field during this period.

2. On 21 March, about 15 soldiers were observed in the AA gun emplacement in which 5 gun barrels were also noticed.² Next to the Erfurt-Bindersleben road was a cable trench in which a cable, about 8-mm in diameter, was laid. The cable terminated about 50 meters east of the workshop of the field. Vehicular traffic at the field involved trucks

3. At the end of March, a radio installation of several masts, some of them interconnected by wires, was located in the southeastern corner of the landing field, about 80 meters from the Erfurt-Bindersleben road. Air force soldiers were observed near the installation.³ The AA gun emplacement was still occupied by 37-mm AA guns.²

4. Trucks entering and leaving the field.⁴

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1. Comment. In conjunction with previous reports from Brandis airfield and the last report from Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield it appears that the single-engine aircraft are not Yak-11s, but Il-10s of the ground attack regiment at Brandis airfield.

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Since 8 March 1954, aircraft of the ground attack regiment from Brandis have apparently been stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield and participated in exercises of the Soviet Army in Thuringia.

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2. Comment. The AA gun emplacement has previously been reported several times.

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3. Comment. So far, the type of the radio installation has not been determined.

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